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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am serving in my third term as Sheriff of Clark County, Kentucky. During this time I have been extremely involved in the KY Sheriffs Association, serving a term as its state president, and being honored as "Sheriff of the year" for Kentucky. I say that only for the purposes of indicating that my background places me in a position of speaking fairly and honestly on how this issue impacts my job and law enforcement agencies across the state and especially the rural areas. Modern law enforcement equipment requires the use of fast, effective, internet access, even in the field. Given the rapidly rising demand for wireless broadband data services across the U.S., it is essential that more spectrum be assigned to wireless broadband as soon as possible. I know that the Commission and the President agree with this goal, as spelled out in the National Broadband Plan.

LightSquared's proposed 4G-LTE network represents the best chance in the short term for a significant expansion of the nation's wireless broadband spectrum. This network would be a privately funded initiative using spectrum long assigned to LightSquared and its predecessors.

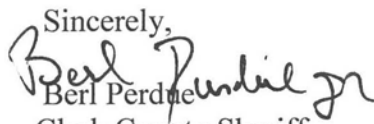
The company would provide access to next-generation wireless broadband to 260 million Americans, including many in rural areas who currently lack any ability to connect wirelessly to the Web.

LightSquared is well known to the public safety community (and especially here in Kentucky because of their work with the state on an almost-gratis basis during emergencies before) as an experienced service provider to federal, state and local fire, police, rescue and disaster-relief departments, specializing in on-call mobile satellite communications services, personnel and equipment. (Before undergoing a corporate name change, they were called "sky terra" and did very valuable work with the state in emergency preparedness)

LightSquared provided satellite phones to FEMA after Hurricane Katrina, keeping vital lines of communications open when other telecom services were down. Last year, LightSquared created its Emergency Rapid Response Communications Team program (ERRT), which rapidly deploys to emergency and disaster locations in the U.S. and Canada.

Concerns have been raised that LightSquared's network could interfere with some signals used by public safety agencies. However, the FCC is addressing these issues, in cooperation with LightSquared, and representatives from the public safety community, among other stakeholders.

Given the critical need for first responders to have access to reliable, high-bandwidth communications technology, I hope you will support the FCC's efforts to resolve these issues so that LightSquared can move forward with its plans to upgrade the nation's wireless broadband capability and allow public safety providers to employ this important technology.

Sincerely,

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